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SUBJECT: HARCOS AND FLETCHER

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1. I DISCUSSED HARCOS/FLETCHER CASE WITH MEA (TEJA) APRIL 5, NOTING THAT USG HAD BEEN INVOLVED ONLY IN CONSULAR PROTECTION ACTIVITIES IN CASE AND THAT NEITHER HARCOS NOR FLETCHER HAD ANY OTHER CONNECTION WITH USG. I EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT, BASED ON IMPRESSION WE HAD RECEIVED, CASE MIGHT INVOLVE SECURITY ASPECTS WHICH COULD BECOME CONTROVERSIAL WHEN THEY BECAME PUBLIC AND THUS HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE CLIMATE OF INDO-US RELATIONS.

2. I TOLD TEJA I SIMPLY WANTED TO ALERT HIM TO THE CASE SO THAT HE MIGHT FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH IT.

3. I THINK THIS IS WHERE WE SHOULD LEAVE IT AT THIS TIME. WE DO NOT WANT TO PROTEST TOO MUCH BEFORE ANY SHOES DROP AND WHEN TEJA LOOKS AT THE CASE FILE--ASSUMING HE IS ABLE TO GET ACCESS TO IT--THE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS I ALLUDED TO SHOULD BE FAIRLY CONSPICUOUS TO HIM.
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